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The organization of Labor Party units in a North Korean guard regiment is as shown on the following chart.

Guard Regiment Labor Party Organization

Party committee (352) (directly connected with the Party)

Headquarters cell committee (201)

1. Headquarters section (123)
2. Political section (33)
3. Transportation and guard platoon (12)
4. Rear service section (28)
5. Procurator's office (5)

Signal Battalion cell committee (112)

6. Wire tele-communication (15)
7. Radio communication (27)
8. Signal battalion section (18)
9. Motorized company (45)

Engineer Battalion cell committee (69)

10. Engineer Battalion section (12)
11. 2 Company (13)
12. 3 Company (5)

Guard Regiment Party committee (146)

Battalion cell committee (102)

13. Guard Regiment Section (24)
14. Guard Company (32)
15. 7 Battalion section (6)
16. 1 Company (7)
17. 2 Company (23)

2. Battalion cell committee (21)

18. 2 Battalion Headquarters (21)
19. 4 Company (24)
20. 5 Company (19)

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Political Unit Organization in a Division

Platoons:

Political staff: sub-cell leader, one person.

Company:

Political instructors: two cell leaders, and five cell committee members.

Battalions:

Political commissar: cell leader, (basic organization party chairman).
 Assistant political instructors, organizers, propagandists: five persons.
 Party committee members: five to seven persons.

Regiment:

Political commissar and chairman of regiment Party branch.
 Assistant political instructor.
 Organization section head, organizers: eight persons
 Propaganda section head, propagandists.
 Democratic movement section head and staff.
 Party committee members: seven to nine persons.

Division:

Political commissar and chairman of division Party branch.
 Assistant political instructor.
 Organization section head and organizers.
 Propaganda section head, propagandists: thirteen persons.
 Enemy operations section, head and one staff member.
 Democratic movement section head and one staff member.
 Party committee members: nine to eleven persons.

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Comment. It is not clear why two separate Party committees are shown, with only a link between the two channels of organization at battalion level. The only distinction between the basic units from which both draw their membership appears to be that the Party committee is the higher channel (since a note states direct connection with the party is through that committee) and draws its membership from specialized and generally non-combatant units, such as headquarters, rear service units, and signal battalion units. The significance of the figures in parentheses after each committee or unit is not clear; however, the fact that they are totals of the figures given for subordinate units on the chart suggests that these represent total party membership rather than the strength of the committee which controls party affairs at each level. Since a North Korean guard regiment is composed of approximately 2,000 men, this means that about 20 percent of such a unit are party members. The lack of uniformity in the figures given in the chart indicates that they apply to some specific regiment and are not merely standard or typical figures.

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